

Substitute for Form 1449 A & B/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

1

of

1

Complete if Known

Application Number	09/830,605
Confirmation Number	9350
Filing Date	April 30, 2001
First Named Inventor	Akira ICHIKAWA
Art Unit	1771
Examiner Name	Victor S. Chang
Attorney Docket Number	Q64273

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Translation ⁶
		Country Code ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ² (if known)			
VSC		EP	0827108	A	03-04-1998	LINTEC CORP	
		GB	2310977	A	09-10-1997	JARVIS PORTER GROUP PLC	
		GB	1356426	A	06-12-1974	BURMETAL SA	
		WO	98/09252	A	03-05-1998	MEINEN TOMAS	Abstract

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city, and/or country where published.	Translation ⁶
VSC		Patent Abstract of JP 10163606 A (MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC IND CO LTD), June 19, 1998.	
VSC		Supplementary European Search Report dated February 10, 2005.	

Examiner Signature

Victor S. Chang

Date Considered

5/5/05

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kind Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov, MPEP 901.04 or in the comment box of this document. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST. 3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to indicate here if English language Translation is attached.